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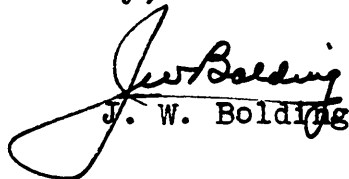
U. S. S. MINNEAPOLIS
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

3 January 1944.

Memorandum for the Captain :

At the commencement of the New Year the undersigned approached the Captain's cabin bearing a dish of fruit cake and good wishes for the New Year. The Captain had retired, so I take this opportunity to wish for him during 1944 perseverance, prosperity, and success. From observation at hand there is reason to believe that not so much time will elapse before he is flying a two-star flag of his own.

Respectfully,


J. W. Bolding

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
Headquarters of the Commander in Chief

Serial 03082

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6 JUL 1944.

From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
To: Commander Cruisers, Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Awards - forwarding of.

Reference: (a) SecNav ltr. of 7 March 1944.

Enclosures: (A) Legion of Merit and Temporary Citation for:
Capt. Richard W. Bates, USN
Capt. Charles T. Joy, USN
Capt. Harvey E. Overesch, USN
Capt. Albert F. Frances, Jr., USN
Capt. Harold R. Holcomb, USN
(B) Temporary Citation for Bronze Star Medal for:
Capt. Francis S. Low, USN
Capt. Harold F. Pullen, USN
Capt. Howard E. Cron, USN
Lieut. Comdr. Leonard J. Baird, USN
Lieut. Daniel W. Jones, Jr., USNR
Lieut. David A. Stretch, USNR
(C) Commendation and Commendation Ribbon awarded by CincPac to:
Lieut. Comdr. George F. Unasht, USN
Lieut. Comdr. Frederick A. Storm, USNR
Lieut. Comdr. David H. Northrup, USNR
Lieut. (jg) George W. Marek, Jr., USN2.

1. Pursuant to the authority granted in reference (a), the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet made the awards indicated to the officers listed in enclosures (A), (B) and (C).

2. Since it is impracticable to order the recipients to Washington for the presentation of the awards by the Secretary of the Navy, the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, desires that the awards be presented with an appropriate ceremony in the name of the President of the United States.

3. Attention is invited to the necessity of maintaining in a properly classified status all information concerning operations of the Fleet that may be contained in citations. Accordingly, certain classified portions of the citations have been omitted from the additional copies furnished herewith. The contents of the omitted portions should not be disclosed except by permission of the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, or higher authority.

4. By copy of this letter, the Secretary of the Navy is requested to forward the Permanent Citations and the Bronze Star Medals direct to the recipients when available.

Copy to:

SecNav
BuPers
Personnel Jacket.

B. L. AUSTIN
Assistant Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Headquarters See
Navy 116 Franklin
40 FPO New York

24 August 1944

Dear Rafe: (The Alley Cat)!

I have been temporarily negligent in my correspondence with you and the only excuse that I can give is that I have been bouncing around the Caribbean Area, locating babies that are not working 100%, and moving them out. Also, due to the changing war situation, am doing a little consolidating.

I am just in receipt of your letter of 11 August, and I am always more than pleased to hear from you, because you give me some dope that I wouldn't get otherwise and, at the same time, keeps me in close touch with the Skipper who did a grand job as Commanding Officer of the MINNEAPOLIS. And after all, Rafe old boy, when you stood on the bridge with a snappy Flag Captain and watched the shells whistle around, you have a spot in your heart for him, (like a Man-of-War rope).

I am very glad and pleased that they handed you the Legion of Merit. Personally, I desired you to be given the Distinguished Service Medal - you deserved it and should have been awarded it.

Your paragraph relative to me working myself out of a job and back into a new war makes me feel very good. I doubt if they ever pull the "Old Man" back, - I am too senior and I doubt if they would make a Vice Admiral in Cruisers again, maybe and maybe not. But my heart is always back there, like I know yours is, with the first blush of dawn and a few shells whistling around.

The news about Sam Shumaker and John Kane, makes me sick. Coming on top of this is the death of Don Moon, who, as you know, served as my Squadron Commander for nearly sixteen months, in Iceland and Africa. He was a grand guy who worked himself to death. I guess that I had the wrong temperament, they have never gotten me close to breaking as yet. I have made Senor Sheeley a Commander and put him as Chief of Staff of the 10th Naval District. Incidentally, I have your old Ship's Clerk on the MINNEAPOLIS, in Guantanamo, and in a few weeks I am going to bring him over here to work in the 10th Naval District personnel office under Sheeley.

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Here is hoping that you are given a good Division of Cruisers, preferably the "Alley Cats," then break out your white grease paint and that elephant hunter's hat. Best to the gang, and here is hoping that we are shipmates again. Best regards,

As always,

Ike
"Old Tom"

Captain R. W. Bates, U. S. Navy,
Staff of CinCPac,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

1 November 1944

To: Fleet, Force, Type and Sea Frontier Commanders,
Commandants of Naval Districts and River Commands,
Chiefs of Naval Air Functional Training, and
Commandants and Commanding Officers of Major and
Minor Shore Stations.

Subj: Bureau of Naval Personnel Regulations for Commissioned
Officers' and Warrant Officers' Messes Ashore.

Refs: (a) Article 443(14) Navy Regulations 1920.
(b) SecNav cir ltr Pers-56-REB/JE of 30 Jun 1944.

1. Enclosure 1 which is forwarded for the information and guidance of all concerned, constitutes regulations issued pursuant to references (a) and (b).
2. The establishment of all new Commissioned Officers' and Warrant Officers' Messes Ashore, after the date of receipt of this letter, and their operation shall conform in every respect with enclosure 1. Dissolution of all existing Commissioned Officers' and Warrant Officers' Messes Ashore after date of this letter will be done in accordance with enclosure 1 as respects disposition of remaining funds and equipment purchased with mess funds. All operations of Commissioned Officers' and Warrant Officers' Messes Ashore now in existence shall be brought into conformance with enclosure 1 at the earliest practicable date, but in any event not later than 1 January 1945. Attention is invited to Article 101(b) of enclosure 1 and to the fact that neither this letter nor enclosure 1 applies to bona fide messes temporarily set up on shore for officers attached to seagoing vessels or aviation units based on seagoing vessels. This letter and enclosure 1 do, however, apply to messes regularly operated ashore whose primary function is to serve officers in an afloat status temporarily ashore.
3. In order to give effect to paragraph 3 of reference (b), the value of all mess shares in organizations of officers ashore falling within the purview of enclosure 1, will be frozen immediately, at the amount which each individual participant paid for his share. At the end of the month in which this letter is received, the aggregate original purchase value of all shares as frozen, will be entered on the records of the mess as "Members' Deposits" and such "deposits" will thereafter be treated in accordance with article 212(b) of enclosure 1. The difference between "Members' Deposits" and the net worth of the mess will be entered on the mess records as "Surplus Paid In". "Surplus Paid In"

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Subj: Bureau of Naval Personnel Regulations for Commissioned Officers' and Warrant Officers' Messes Ashore.

shall not be returned to the members of a mess in any way, directly or indirectly, by reduction in prices charged for meals and/or services, or otherwise. It may be used, however, for any purpose described in Article 212(a) of enclosure 1.

4. Assessments to be paid to the Bureau of Naval Personnel for the account of the Naval Officers' Mess Central Contingency Fund, in accordance with Article 213 of enclosure 1, will begin on 1 January 1945 and payments will be made by all Commissioned Officers' and Warrant Officers' Messes Ashore quarterly thereafter, until further notice. The first payment will be due on 31 March 1945.

5. The term "casual guest", as used in Article 107(a)(2)(ii) of enclosure 1 shall not be construed as permitting the day to day accommodation in Commissioned Officers' Messes CLOSED Ashore of civilians not specifically authorized for the privileges of such messes by Article 107(a)(2)(i) thereof. If circumstances, such as lack of suitable local civilian facilities, necessitate the utilization of a mess as a regular source of food, refreshments or entertainment of non-qualified civilian guests, the mess shall be operated as a Commissioned Officers' Mess OPEN. At stations where only a Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED is operated, regulations issued by the Commanding Officer may accord, in discretion, more liberal treatment to the immediate families of officers attached to the station in this regard, than to other types of non-qualified guests and may provide further exceptions in the case of official station entertainment.

6. Commissioned Officers' Messes already in operation on the date of this letter will not be required to obtain authority to establish, in accordance with Article 201 of enclosure 1. For each such mess, however, there will be forwarded to the Chief of Naval Personnel, via official channels, the following information:

- (a) The exact name and location of the mess.
- (b) Whether the mess is operated and is to be operated as a Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED or a Commissioned Officers' Mess OPEN, under these regulations.
- (c) If a CLOSED mess: (For OPEN messes disregard (c)).
 - 1. A statement of the personnel employed in the mess, separate as to enlisted and civilian personnel paid from appropriated funds and those from mess funds.
 - 2. The capacity of B.O.Q. accommodations operated in connection with the mess.

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3. Daily average number of officers regularly quartered therein.
 4. Daily average number of officers regularly messed at (a) breakfast, (b) luncheon and (c) dinner.
 - (d) A financial statement showing assets and liabilities of the mess as of the end of the month during which this letter is received, giving effect to the entries required by paragraph 3 hereof.
7. Attention is invited to the fact that nothing contained in enclosure 1 prohibits any Commanding Officer from extending membership in any Commissioned Officers' Mess Ashore, CLOSED or OPEN, to Warrant Officers, when their number at any station does not warrant the establishment of a separate Warrant Officers' Mess, and when in the discretion of the Commanding Officer, such action is necessary.
8. For the quarterly financial statement required by article 209(c), an audited copy of which is to be forwarded to the Chief of Naval Personnel any form specified by the Commanding Officer may be used. The minimum date listed on enclosure 2 will be incorporated, however. Commencing with the statement copy for 31 March 1945, concurrent forwarding of the remittance to Naval Officers' Mess Central Contingency Fund is recommended.

/s/ Randall Jacobs,
RANDALL JACOBS,
Vice Admiral, USN
The Chief of Naval Personnel

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BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL REGULATIONS FOR
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' AND WARRANT OFFICERS' MESSSES ASHORE

PART 1

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' MESSSES ASHORE - GENERAL

101(a) All Commissioned Officers' organizations ashore established for the purpose of promoting and maintaining the well-being, morale and efficiency of Commissioned Officers of the Naval Service, if located on property owned or under the control of the United States, shall be organized and operated as an integral part of the Navy. The primary purpose of such organizations is the furnishing of meals, lodging, refreshments and recreational facilities or any of them, at reasonable prices. These regulations do not apply to organizations of officers of the Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

101(b). Bona fide temporary messes set up on shore for officers attached to seagoing vessels or for officers attached to aviation units based on seagoing vessels are not deemed Commissioned Officers' Messes Ashore for the purposes of these regulations. Such messes will be operated in accordance with articles 1435 to 1440, inclusive, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920; except that, when such temporary messes are set up at a naval shore establishment where one or more Commissioned Officers' Messes ashore are also in operation, the temporary mess having an afloat status shall conform to such station regulations as may be in effect for Commissioned Officers' Messes ashore at the naval shore activity concerned.

102. All commissioned officers organizations covered by these regulations shall be officially designated as Commissioned Officers' Messes, but no organization shall be so designated unless three (3) or more officers are regular members thereof.

103(a). Commissioned Officers' Messes shall not be operated for the financial profit of any person or group or combination of persons, and no individual shall have any financial interest or right, in any manner whatsoever in any property used, acquired or held in the operation of such messes. (See Article 212(b) hereof).

103(b). Dues and membership fees are prohibited. A nominal service charge to cover overhead expenses may be assessed all participants but not for the purpose of producing a profit.

104(a). Commissioned Officers' Messes shall be operated under the administrative control and regulation of the Commandant or Commanding Officer of the shore activity where such mess is located, subject to such regulations as may be issued from time to time by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

104(b). Where one or more naval shore activities are located in a single

area under the general military control of another shore activity, the Commandant or Commanding Officer of each station shall be responsible for and exercise control over the messes under his jurisdiction, except for such general regulations as may be issued by the common immediate superior in command for purposes of uniformity.

105. Wherever, and during such period as, food rationing is effective, no Commissioned Officers' Mess shall obtain rationed food without surrender of valid ration currency.

106. Commissioned Officers' Messes ashore shall be divided into two categories and shall be operated as:

- (a) a Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED or
- (b) a Commissioned Officers' Mess OPEN.

107. The distinguishing features between the two types of Commissioned Officers' Messes are that:

(a) Commissioned Officers Messes CLOSED (includes the types of organizations formerly known as Bachelor Officers' Messes)

(1) May employ enlisted personnel detailed for such duty and civilians paid from appropriated funds, but only as specifically authorized; and such additional civilian employees paid from funds of the mess, as may be desired.

(2) Shall not invite or permit members to invite guests, other than commissioned officers of the armed forces of the United States and foreign governments, except in the following categories:

(i) Civilians connected directly with the Navy, or who have official business therewith, such as technicians, government officials, key government employees on the station, members of the press, representatives of officially recognized welfare agencies, volunteer workers for officially recognized welfare agencies when performing duties on the station, and persons engaged in station entertainment.

(ii) Casual guests, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commandant or commanding officer of the station and in conformance with the following:

"INTENT OF PROVISIONS OF CURRENT NAVAL APPROPRIATION ACT RESPECTING PAY OR ALLOWANCES FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OR ENLISTED PERSONNEL PERFORMING SERVICE ON SHORE IN BACHELOR OFFICERS MESSSES IS INTERPRETED AS GENERALLY PROHIBITING SERVING OF CIVILIANS IN THESE MESSSES X FOOD RATIONING PROCEDURE ALSO INCOMPATIBLE

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WITH ROUTINE SERVING OF CIVILIANS X CASUAL GUESTS MAY BE SERVED WHERE PRIVILEGE IS NOT ABUSED X COMDTs AND COS ARE ENJOINED TO EXERCISE SUCH SUPERVISION AS WILL PREVENT ABUSES WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE PRESENT STATUS UNRATIONED MESSSES AND CURRENT LAWS REGARDING USE OF ENLISTED MEN IN MESSSES " (ALNAVSTA 122237 of 12 July 1944).

Such regulations shall be subject to the approval of the immediate superior in command under the circumstances recited in Article 104(b) hereof.

- (3) May use ration credits drawn from unlimited ration bank accounts in the procurement or replacement of rationed foods.

(b) Commissioned Officers' Messes OPEN

- (1) The detailing of enlisted personnel or employment of civilians paid from appropriated funds in a C.O.M. OPEN is prohibited.
- (2) Guests may be invited under conditions specified by the commanding Officer, subject to any restrictions considered necessary and established by superior naval authority.
- (3) Credits drawn from unlimited ration bank accounts in the procurement of, or replacement of rationed foods, shall not be used.

PART 2

Commissioned Officers Messes CLOSED

201. A Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED shall be established only with the approval of the Chief of Naval Personnel (except that, in territory newly occupied by the Navy, such messes may be established by authority of the Naval Commander or Senior Officer Present with immediate report of such establishment to the Chief of Naval Personnel, the report to include items (e), (f) and (g) listed in this article). Request for authorization to establish such a mess should be forwarded via official channels, and set forth the following information:

- (a) The necessity for the mess.
- (b) The daily average number of officers to be served.
- (c) The availability of a suitable building, or the estimated cost of a new building.
- (d) The estimated cost of equipage.
- (e) The number and kind of personnel required to operate.

- (f) The availability of suitable personnel.
- (g) A projected financial plan for operations.
- (h) Any other pertinent information which would be of value in determining the propriety of establishment of the mess.

202(a). The employment of enlisted personnel detailed to such duty or civilians paid from appropriated funds who perform services as cook, waiter, or other work of a character performed by a household servant in officers' messes ashore is limited by law to the following classes of activities:

- (1) messes temporarily set up on shore for officers attached to seagoing vessels,
- (2) messes temporarily set up on shore for officers attached to aviation units based on seagoing vessels (including officers' messes at naval air stations),
- (3) submarine bases,
- (4) overseas bases (including Alaska),
- (5) mobile hospitals,
- (6) landing forces and expeditions; and to
- (7) such bachelor officers' quarters and messes as may be specifically designated by the Secretary.

202(b). Upon request by the Commanding Officer forwarded via official channels, the Bureau of Naval Personnel will assign a complement of operating personnel for each Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED, and such assignment of complement will evidence the necessary authority for the employment of enlisted personnel. Where area complements are affected this procedure will be varied as necessary to comply with instructions and directives issued by the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Enlisted personnel employed for the duties enumerated in Article 202(a) hereof shall be only those of the Stewards Branch.

202(c). Upon request of the Commanding Officer forwarded through official channels to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy via the Bureau of Naval Personnel, authorization may be requested for the employment of necessary civilians to be paid from appropriated funds, whose pay will be chargeable to the maintenance appropriation of the station. Outside the continental limits of the United States, Alaska, and Hawaii, authorization need not be obtained in the manner prescribed herein. Wages paid civilians employed in such areas, however, must be at rates approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Division of Shore Establishments and Civilian Personnel).

202(d). No personnel of the Navy, naval or civilian, assigned to duty in any Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED shall receive any compensation from funds of the mess for performing services in the mess, except with approval of the Bureau of Naval Personnel; and in no event for other than work performed outside of regular hours.

203(a). Furniture, furnishings and equipment, as well as their maintenance and replacement, including additions to buildings, furniture, furnishings or equipment may be authorized for payment from appropriate funds with the approval of the cognizant Bureau, on recommendation of the Chief of Naval Personnel. The Commanding Officer of a shore station may authorize purchase of additional items of furniture, furnishings, and equipment from the funds of the mess.

203(b) Items of furniture, furnishings and equipment purchased from the funds of the mess shall be charged off to expense at the time of purchase and carried at no money value.

203(c) A record shall be maintained of all property furnished to the mess by the government and a separate record of furniture, furnishings and equipment purchased from the funds of the mess.

204. Persons using the mess or its facilities shall be required to pay charges sufficient to defray the cost of food, laundry and merchandise used, and such reasonable amounts in addition thereto as may be found necessary, but such charges shall not exceed an amount necessary for the purposes enumerated in Article 212(a) of these regulations.

205. Separate accounts shall be maintained for the property, cash and supplies of each mess; and the property, cash and supplies of any mess shall not be comingled with those of another.

206. The rations of enlisted men assigned to a Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED shall be commuted to the mess in which they are subsisted.

207. In the discretion of the Commanding Officer, civilians employed in the mess may be subsisted therein, but they shall pay the cost of meals furnished them.

208. Every Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED shall carry insurance on property purchased with funds of the mess, fidelity bonds on all persons handling funds or having access to inventories, and the liability insurance in accordance with sound business practice.

209.(a). In all Commissioned Officers' Messes CLOSED Ashore the Senior Line Officer member in succession to the Command shall be the president of the mess and shall act as the direct representative of the Command in all matters of policy and general supervision.

209.(b). In all Commissioned Officers' Messes CLOSED Ashore the Senior Line Officer member present in succession to the Command shall preside and have the power to preserve order. When no Line Officer member in succession to the Command is present the Senior Officer member present whether Line, Staff or Marine Corps shall preside.

209(c). For each Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED Ashore a mess treasurer shall be appointed by the Commanding Officer in the manner provided for treasurers of officers' messes afloat by Article 1439 of U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920, as modified for the duration of the War. He shall be the custodian of all funds, records and other property of the mess, shall be responsible for their safekeeping, preservation and accessibility for inspection, and shall see that they are not removed from the premises without authority. He shall approve all orders for supplies and equipment for which the mess is to be charged and verify their receipt in detail, and shall maintain such accounts as will enable the Commanding Officer or the Auditing Board to ascertain the condition of the mess at any time. He shall prepare a monthly financial statement showing assets and liabilities, and a report of income and expenses during the month. He shall also prepare quarterly, as of 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December, a financial statement showing assets and liabilities, and a report of income and expenses for the period covered, an audited copy of which the Commanding Officer of the station shall forward to the Chief of Naval Personnel via official channels.

209(d). Where the size of the mess requires the full time services of an officer, its affairs may be administered by an officer ordered for primary duty in the capacity of Mess Treasurer, if the billet is allowed in the established complement.

210. When a Mess Treasurer is relieved, he shall invoice to his successor, and his successor shall receipt to him, for all money, supplies and property as determined by physical inventory and all accounts, accounts, bank accounts and vouchers with a notation of any shortage, missing documents or other deficiencies. A statement to the effect that this has been done shall be prepared in triplicate, and signed jointly by the officer to be relieved and by the officer relieving, the original being delivered to the Commanding Officer of the station and a copy being retained by each officer. If any items in connection with the transfer are unsatisfactory to the relieving officer, he shall so state on the aforesaid statement.

211. An Inventory Board of three Commissioned Officers not connected with the management of the mess and an Audit Board of three other Commissioned Officers not connected with the management of the mess, shall be appointed by the Commanding Officer of the station. The Inventory Board shall monthly inventory the consumable stock of the mess and shall twice yearly inventory the non-consumable property purchased with mess funds, and such property as was furnished by the Government. The Audit Board shall audit the accounts of each Officers' Mess every month and prior to the relief of the Mess Treasurer, basing that portion of its audit on the inventory of consumable stock taken by the Inventory Board.

212.(a). Profits and surplus funds of an Officers' Mess CLOSED shall be limited to such as may be necessary for the payment of obligations; the

improvement of the mess and its facilities, to establish reasonable reserves for contingencies; and for sound financial condition.

212.(b). The payment of a mess deposit may be required to insure sufficient working capital. It may be repaid up to the amount deposited whenever practical, without accretion, and there shall not be any dividends declared or paid. The payment of a mess deposit shall not give rise to any enforceable right to share in the assets of the mess.

213. Each Officers' Mess CLOSED shall, at regular intervals to be fixed by the Bureau of Naval Personnel, forward to the Chief of Naval Personnel, by check payable to Naval Officers' Mess Central Contingency Fund an amount equal to one-quarter of one percent of its gross receipts, which amount shall be set aside to be used for loans or assistance to any Officers' Mess or for any purpose affecting Officers' Messes generally, in the discretion of the Chief of Naval Personnel. The assessment required may be uniformly reduced or suspended at any time in the discretion of the Chief of Naval Personnel.

214. When, in the opinion of the Chief of Naval Personnel, the need for the Naval Officers' Mess Central Contingency Fund no longer exists, it shall be liquidated under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy.

215. When a Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED is liquidated, all property purchased with mess funds is to be sold for cash or appropriately disposed of in conformance with existing regulations on the subject and any funds in excess of those necessary to repay mess deposits and pay outstanding liabilities shall be paid to the Naval Officers' Mess Central Contingency Fund. A copy of the final audit, a list of equipment sold or otherwise disposed of, a statement that there are no outstanding obligations or claims, and the names and periods of incumbency of the Mess Treasurers during the preceding two years shall be forwarded to the Bureau of Naval Personnel via official channels.

216. The provisions of Article 1440(1), U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920, apply only to messes afloat. Accordingly, mess bills of officers technically in a sea duty status but performing regular duties ashore and messing in an officers' mess ashore may be prorated according to services rendered.

217. Commissioned Officers of the other Armed Forces of the United States, stationed in the vicinity, when there is no separate mess available for their accommodation, may, in the discretion of the Commanding Officer, be authorized to participate in a Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED on the same basis as officers of the Naval Service..

PART 3.

Commissioned Officers' Mess OPEN.

301. A Commissioned Officers' Mess OPEN established under these regulations is an integral part of the Navy and shall be established, maintained, operated and closed in conformity with the regulations in PART 2 hereof for the operation of Commissioned Officers' Messes CLOSED, except for (1) the differences enumerated in Article 107 hereof, and other provisions of these regulations which are therefore inapplicable, and (2) the following:

- (a). Enlisted personnel of any branch may volunteer to work in a Commissioned Officers' Mess OPEN in their off-duty hours, and may be so employed, in such localities and under such circumstances that their employment does not interfere with the customary employment and regular engagement of local civilians, providing they are paid from mess funds such hourly rates of compensation as are commensurate with the duties performed, and in line with civilian wages paid for similar work in the locality. Only enlisted personnel of the Stewards Branch shall be permitted to perform duties normally performed by Stewards Mates. The extra compensation paid to any one enlisted person shall not exceed \$75 per month, and the average extra compensation of all, if more than one is employed, shall not exceed \$50 per month. It shall be the responsibility of the Commanding Officer to see that no enlisted person is permitted to work voluntarily in a Commissioned Officers' Mess OPEN under conditions which might impair his usefulness in the performance of his regular duties. Civilians may be employed but shall be paid from mess funds only.
- (b) At the discretion of the Commanding Officer, operating rules in conformity with these regulations may be adopted by the mess and approved by the Commanding Officer, for the operation of the mess. Such rules may provide for the election of such officers as may be desired, except the President of the Mess, and the Mess Treasurer. Such officers as are elected shall be satisfactory to the commandant or commanding officer.

PART 4.

Cigar Messes and Similar Organizations.

401. When a cigar mess or other similar organization is desired, its function shall be included as a part of the operations of a Commissioned Officers' Mess CLOSED or OPEN.

PART 5

Warrant Officers' Messes Ashore

501. All of the foregoing applies with like force and effect to Warrant Officers' organizations, ashore established for the purpose of promoting and maintaining the well-being, morale and efficiency of Warrant Officers of the naval service, other than organizations of Warrant Officers of the Marine Corps or Coast Guard, if located on property owned or under the control of the United States.

PART 6

Restrictions on Use of Names

601. No organization or combination of officers ashore, unless organized and operated in accordance with these regulations, shall use any name or title which might suggest that such organization or combination is in fact so organized and operated. In no event are the phrases "Mess Treasurer", "Commissioned Officers' Mess", or "Warrant Officers' Mess", whether used alone or combined with other words, authorized for use by any organization or combination of officers ashore, not organized and operated in accordance with these regulations.

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Approved

/s/ Randall Jacobs,
RANDALL JACOBS,
Vice Admiral, USN
The Chief of Naval Personnel

MINIMUM DATA TO BE INCORPORATED
IN QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in bank
Accounts Receivable
Inventories
Other Assets - Total

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable
Other Liabilities - describe

NET WORTH

Members' Deposits
Surplus Paid In
Undivided Profits

INCOME

Sales
Other - Total

EXPENSES

Salaries
Equipment and Facilities
Other - Total

Enclosure 2.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

COMMODORE COMMANDING H. M. AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON

PRECEDENCE: OPERATIONAL		CLASSIFICATION: SECRET	
ORIGINATOR: CTG 74		ACTION ADDRESSEES: CTG 74.1	
DATE/TIME: 030301z July		INFORMATION ADDRESSEES: COMAF 13 ALL TFG & TGC 7th FLT CTG 72.2	

With SHROPSHIRE, HOBART, ARUNTA, KILLEN, A.W. GRANT depart
BALIKPAPAN 031300Z ^{then} for TAWI TAWI via routes BODGE and GRAHAM
SOA 18 ETA 041400 Item. Expedite replenishment then return
BALIKPAPAN with SHROPSHIRE and escorts selected by you.
CTG 72.2 requested have YUNNAN and provision ships ready
for service.

Copies: CMDRE RATES
S.N.O.

METHOD:	SYSTEM:	GROUPS:	TIME OF RECEIPT	DECYPHERED BY / WRITTEN UP BY:
TGC 2748	1038	90	030358	GROESBECK LUMSDEN

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OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

~~SECRET~~

NAVAL GENERAL COURT MARTIAL
TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT
RECEIVING SHIP
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

January 9, 1945

My dear Dick,

When I used to know you and when I last saw you here at Treasure Island, you carried yourself very straight and were military looking. I fear that with all these honors and distinctions now being heaped upon you that you may be getting round-shouldered. This is only to warn you not to neglect your military appearance.

I saw in the paper the other day where you had sent to your family a Navy Cross which had been given you for your work in connection with the second battle of the Philippines. I wrote to you some time ago when I heard that you had received some other medal or commendation, but you may not have received my letter. I did not know that you were Chief of Staff of Oldendorf, and wonder if you like it as well as commanding your own ship. Personally, I would not. Staff jobs never sat well with me, ~~personally~~. However, you always liked to rub elbows with the big shots so I suppose you are enjoying it!

I hope when you return this way for a rest or what not - all the big boys seem to be able to get back for a few days now and then - that you will let me know and give me some first-hand highlights on the second battle of the Philippines, and that battle which was fought so successfully in the Tsugaru Straits and in which you took part. This certainly was a cleanup and I congratulate you all on your good work. Kinkaid's estimate of the situation certainly bore fruit. Remember me to Kinkaid if you see him and also to Oldendorf if he indeed remembers me.

Hugo now is in command of his own destroyer escort, having gone through the Command School at Miami, completing the course just before Christmas. He expected to go to the yard on the 20th for conversion to an APD when his work with the submarines was completed. After that he was bound for the South Pacific I suppose. His vessel is the SCOTT, (DE-214). If you run into her at any future date, get hold of him and give him a workover.

I suppose before long you will be on your way to Manila. I would just like to remind you to take a run out to Fort McKinley at the first opportunity and see if the Japs have removed that billboard or backstop on the golf course that I used to be able to hit so accurately on my drives. I will continue to keep in practice so that I will not lose any of my accuracy.

Helen joins me in best wishes to you, and renewed congratulations on your success, which I never doubted that you would have.

Sincerely,


Hugo W. Osterhaus

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C-O-P-Y

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Serial 003

COMMANDER CRUISER DIVISION SIX
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

S E C R E T

30 January 1945.

From: The Commander Cruiser Division SIX.
To : The Secretary of the Navy.
Via : (1) The Commander Cruisers, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
(2) The Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
(3) The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: Award of Navy Unit Commendation to U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS (CA36)
and U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS (CA32) - Recommendation for.

Reference: (a) ALNav 224/1944.
(b) Comcrdiv-6 secret letter FB3-6/Pl5 serial 002 dated
24 January 1945.

Enclosures: (A) Record of Battle Experience of U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS at
Battle of Tassafaronga 30 November 1942, and for the
war to date.
(B) Record of Battle Experience of U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS at Battle of
Tassafaronga 30 November 1942, and for the war to date.
(C) Sample citation.

1. The establishment of the Navy Unit Commendation award will fulfill a long-felt need and will be a lasting and much coveted tribute to the officers and men who are manning our ships which render outstanding service in action. These awards will likewise have the advantage of incentive to those who will man these and other vessels in the future. Because of the importance and significance of this type of award, a review of the battle experiences of vessels of Cruiser Division SIX as constituted at the time of receipt of reference (a) has been undertaken. At that time, the Division consisted of U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS, U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS, U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO, and U.S.S. WICHITA. Subsequently, the Pacific Fleet organization was changed in that the TUSCALOOSA was assigned to Cruiser Division SIX vice WICHITA - reassigned to Cruiser Division FOUR.

2. Correspondence and official documents of the Navy Department available in my files indicate that the vessels of this Division have performed services of an outstanding and heroic nature both in the Atlantic and Pacific. A tabulation of the actions participated in by these four vessels during the course of the war would include many of the major actions which have taken place in the Atlantic, the European-Middle East area, the South and Southwest Pacific areas, the Northwest Pacific area, and more recently, the Central and Western Pacific areas. The MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS and SAN FRANCISCO fought gallantly in the desperate actions in the South Pacific and all suffered severe battle damage that other ships of the same type were unable to endure. All subsequently were repaired, refitted, and have since fought again, their survival certainly being a distinctive tribute to the valorous spirit and determined will of their officers and men.

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Serial 003

30 January 1945.

S E C R E T

Subject: Award of Navy Unit Commendation to U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS (CA36)
and U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS (CA32) - Recommendation for.

3. The SAN FRANCISCO was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation by Rear Admiral Robert C. Giffen, U.S. Navy, in the name of the Secretary of the Navy and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, on 19 July 1943.

4. In this letter, it is desired to make recommendation for awards of the Navy Unit Commendation in the case of the MINNEAPOLIS and NEW ORLEANS. In reference (b), recommendation has been made in the case of the WICHITA. It might appear that an effort is being made to show undue preference to Cruiser Division SIX. This is not the case. It happens that this is one of the divisions composed entirely of older units of the fleet. It is significant that these vessels have enjoyed for a number of years the excellent reputation of being smart ships and are veterans of many actions.

5. The records show that, except for the period when her battle damage was being repaired, the MINNEAPOLIS has participated in a majority of the important actions of the war in the Pacific. At Tassafaronga, officers and men heroically fought their ship until all power to the turrets failed, and after that, fought an equally heroic battle to return a sinking and severely damaged ship to service. Her record before and since that time is a tribute to all the officers and men who have served in her. This record is set forth in enclosure (A). It is comparable to a high degree to that of the SAN FRANCISCO which distinguished herself so gloriously off Savo Island in October and November, 1942.

6. The record of the NEW ORLEANS is very similar to that of the MINNEAPOLIS at Tassafaronga. She was next in column following the MINNEAPOLIS, the flagship. There her officers and men fought their ship heroically and, after that, likewise fought an equally heroic battle to return a severely damaged ship to service. Her record is set forth in enclosure (B) and is comparable to a high degree to that of the SAN FRANCISCO and MINNEAPOLIS.

7. In view of the foregoing, it is with pride and pleasure that I hereby recommend the U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS and U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS for award of the Navy Unit Commendation in accordance with reference (a). Sample citations are forwarded as enclosure (C).

C.T. JOY.

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C-O-P-Y

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Washington

In the name of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Unit Commendation to

THE UNITED STATES SHIP MINNEAPOLIS

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For outstanding performance in action against enemy Japanese forces off Tassafaronga, Guadalcanal Island, in the Solomons on the night of 30 November - 1 December 1942. In this engagement the Minneapolis sank an enemy transport or destroyer, and materially assisted in the silencing and sinking of other destroyers which forced a withdrawal thus frustrating the attempt of the enemy to further reinforce his base at Guadalcanal. Although severely damaged by torpedo hits forward and aft, which blew off her bow and flooded three firerooms, the ship continued to fight until all power had failed. Through the heroic and gallant action of her crew she was brought back to port and lived to fight again. Her survival is a distinctive tribute to the valorous spirit of her officers and men.

JAMES FORRESTAL

SAMPLE CITATION

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ECHELONS ON HIGH

Oh, we're the little people with the power
We're the minions of the echelons on high
We're the guardians of the gate
of the powerful and great
And all that reaches them must pass us by

And so when any matter comes before us
To determine what the military finds
We look on it with terror
For we must not make an error
So we hold it until we've made up our minds.

For an admiral can can us in a minute
Or a general return us to the pool
Or send us to the front
Where we'd have to bear the brunt
Of the vacillations of some other fool.

And when one makes a real mistake it bounces,
And the issue does not long remain in doubt,
But with any sort of luck
We can always pass the buck
And there's no one in the world that can find us out.

So we analyze each line and word and comma
And we send our letters back to be retyped;
And we call for conferences
Where we mend our little fences,
And it's only lower echelons are griped.

And the shadow's more important than the substance
And the form is more important than the end;
If we merely carp and edit
No one else will get the credit
While we make no mistakes we must defend.

Oh' we're the little people with the power,
We're the minions of the echelons on high
We'll do nothing for the nation
That's not strictly regulation
So we never, never do . . . and never die!

Sailors are what some women marry. They have two feet, two hands, and sometimes two wives, besides sweethearts in many ports, but they never have more than one dollar and one idea at a time.

Like Turkish cigarettes, sailors are all made of the same material and wear the same uniform; the difference is that some are a little better-dressed and disguised than others. Generally speaking, they may be divided into three or four classes: (1) Husbands, (2) Bachelors, (3) Shackuppers, (4) Widowers. An eligible bachelor is a sailor of obstinancy, entirely surrounded by suspicion. Husbands are of three varieties: Prizes, Surprises, and Consolation Prizes..

It is a psychological miracle that a soft, fluffy, tender, violet-scented, sweet little thing like a woman, should enjoy kissing a big awkward, stubby-chinned, tobacco-and-rum scented thing like a sailor.

If you flatter a sailor, you frighten him to death; if you don't you bore him to death. If you permit him to make love to you, he gets tired of you in the end, and if you don't, he gets tired of you in the beginning. If you believe all he tells you, he thinks you are foolish, and if you don't he thinks you are a cynic.

If you wear gay colors, rouge and a startling hat (\$25.00 job), he hesitates to take you out. If you wear a little brown turban and a tailor-made suit, he takes you out and stares all evening at a woman in gay colors, rouge and a startling hat.

If you are the clinging vine type, he doubts whether you have any brains, and if you are a modern, advanced and intelligent woman, he doubts whether you have a heart. If you are silly, he longs for a playmate.

In short, a sailor is just a worm ashore; he comes along, wiggles about for a time, and finally some chick grabs him.

Tony Rodrigues,
Psychoanalyst Extraordinary.

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COMMANDER SERVICE FORCE
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

27 January 1945

From: The Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet.
To : The Commander, South Pacific Force.
The Commander, North Pacific Force.
The Commander, Forward Area, Central Pacific.
The Commander, Marshalls-Gilberts Area.
The Commander, Western Carolines Sub-Area.

Subject: Commissioned Officers' Messes, Pacific Ocean Areas
Outside 14ND, Administrative Instructions for.

References: (a) CinCPac ltr P10-2/QB, Ser 10612 of 21 Nov 1944.
(b) BuPers dispatch 142152 of December.
(c) BuPers ltr Pers-513-ELF JE of 1 Nov 1944.
(d) Bureau of Naval Personnel Regulations for Commissioned Officers' and Warrant Officers' Messes Ashore.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of references (c) and (d).

1. Reference (a) delegated to Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, the overall administration of Commissioned Officers' Messes ashore throughout the Pacific Ocean Area outside the FOURTEENTH Naval District. Reference (b) authorized Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, to determine the applicability of reference (c) and (d) to all such messes.

2. To meet the existing conditions and future changes, Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, will issue instructions for the administration of reference (d) in the subject area. The instructions thus issued will pertain to the overall administration of subject messes and will continue the respective Commandants and Commanding Officers in control of the individual messes under their commands outside the FOURTEENTH Naval District.

3. The following administrative instructions are issued herewith and are effective upon receipt. Any circumstances requiring deviation from these instructions or from reference (d) should be referred to the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

A. The administration of the messing of officers who are subsisted in a general mess under Article 1332 of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts Manual, or who regularly buy meals from a general mess, or who are subsisted on Army rations, will be as regulated by the Commandant or Commanding Officer in charge of the activity concerned, and will not be considered as within the purview of the Bureau of Naval Personnel Commissioned

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Officers' Mess Regulations of reference (d), provided such subsistence is not accompanied by other activities for the purpose of promoting and maintaining the well being and morale of commissioned officers of the Naval Service.

B. The personal mess of a Flag Officer will be considered as coming under the exception in Article 102. This exception will not apply to a Flag Officer's personal mess when it includes other than those normally subsisted in such a mess.

C. All Commissioned Officers' Messes in the Pacific Ocean Areas outside the FOURTEENTH Naval District will be administered as closed messes except where specific authority to operate as an open mess is granted by the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

D. The establishment of Commissioned Officers' Messes in newly occupied territory in the subject areas will be made upon receipt of written approval from the Naval Commander or Senior Officer Present in accordance with the exception stated in Article 201 of reference (d). The report required of the Naval Commander or Senior Officer Present establishing such new mess will be made to the Chief of Naval Personnel via the Area Commander concerned and the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

E. Except for messes officially designated by Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, as Pacific Fleet Commissioned Officers' Messes, Area or Sub-Area Commanders may require the consolidation of Commissioned Officers' Messes, their reorganization or liquidation. Reports of all such actions will be given by the Area or Sub-Area Commander concerned to the Chief of Naval Personnel via the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet. In the event of the liquidation of a Commissioned Officers' Mess, assets and facilities will be disposed of in accordance with Article 215 of reference (d).

F. In view of operating conditions, the requirements of Article 208 of reference (d) are waived for the subject messes until otherwise advised by this command. Messes are

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enjoined to observe all precautions against losses by fire, casualty or theft. Rigid inspections and audits must be relied on to protect the mess. Audit Boards will append to their monthly reports a statement evaluating fire, casualty or theft hazards and recommend desirable precautions. The Commanding Officer of each activity under which a mess is operated is responsible for the proper audit, inspection and safeguarding of messes and their assets.

G. A copy of the reports forwarded to the Chief of Naval Personnel in accordance with the last sentence of Article 209(c) of reference (d) will be provided for the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet. The audited report of income and expense statements for the quarter may be a combined statement of the three monthly income and expense statements. A review of operations for the quarter by the Auditing Board is not required provided a certificate of the Audit Board for the last month of the quarter is attached to the quarterly income and expense statement indicating that it is not an audited statement but a combination of the three income and expense statements previously audited.

H. Branch messes of the Pacific Fleet Commissioned Officers' Mess, in complying with Article 212 of reference (d), will accumulate profits sufficient to enable the branch concerned to repay within six months the loans made to such branch for establishing its initial operation. Thereafter such surplus funds will be earned as directed by the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, to meet future requirements of the Pacific Fleet Commissioned Officers' Mess Fund. Transfer of surplus funds of all messes in the subject area to the Pacific Fleet Commissioned Officers' Mess may be directed by the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, to establish similar facilities as required by the advance of operations or for such other purposes as the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, may direct. The final disposition of funds in the Pacific Fleet Commissioned Officers' Mess will be as directed by CincPac and CincPOA.

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I. Meals purchased from a general mess, regardless of the manner in which collections for the general mess are handled, are excepted from the assessment described in Article 213.

J. In the event of the proposed liquidation of a mess, in accordance with Article 215, the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, will be notified sufficiently in advance, so that the assets may be devoted to the use of other similar continuing functions with a minimum loss in utilization of the assets and minimum use of transportation facilities.

K. The information requested by paragraph 6 of reference (c) will be forwarded via the Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

L. Ships in the Pacific Ocean Area are not permitted to establish temporary Commissioned Officers' Messes ashore to sell alcoholic liquors, nor may shipments of liquor be consigned or sold to such messes. It is the policy of Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, to provide adequate recreational facilities for officers at all fleet anchorages through Pacific Fleet Commissioned Officers' Mess Branches, thus obviating the necessity for the establishment of temporary messes ashore for officers of individual ships.

M. The Pacific Fleet Commissioned Officers' Mess through its branches will provide service for Warrant, Junior, Wardroom, Cabin and Flag Officers.

W. L. CALHOUN.

Copies to:

The Chief of Naval Personnel.
ComWesSeaFron(SuborComdServPac)
CinCPOA.

J. H. Berenson
J. H. BERENSON,
Flag Secretary.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

1 February 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Solomons.

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- (b) Remove all of my personal papers and have them put into a box so that they can be moved out with me, when we go to our new flagship.
 - (c) Have my clothing, etc., placed in a box also as in (b).
12. Do the same thing for Captain Bates. His safe number is 16,
32, 48. This applies to both sea cabin and main cabin.
13. Captain Bates will return with me.

J. B. OLDENDORF,
Vice Admiral, U.S.N.

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20 March 1945.

Rear Admiral M. L. Deyo, U.S. Navy,
U. S. S. TENNESSEE (BB-43),
Care of Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Memorandum to Admiral Deyo:

This is merely a note to bid you good-bye and Godspeed on your new job. I must say that I view with concern and a distinct feeling of loss, your departure from this area.

With the exception of Iwo and the Marianas, I have been in all operations since September, 1943. I have hoped against hope that something might occur which would permit me to be with you in this job.

I have told the doctors here on repeated occasions that it made sense for me to go back and recover on the Tennessee where I might be useful to you. I likewise told Commander "Douthet", the Senior Medical Officer of the Tennessee the same thing twice.

It appears that my wishes in this matter are to be disregarded. Once the medical profession gets its hand on you, you're licked until you are, in their opinion, fully recovered.

In this connection, Admiral Spruance told me that he wished me back and he also told the Senior Medical Officer of the hospital ship the same thing. But he did say to me that he did not wish me back unless I was physically fit. I regret to say that I am not entirely well yet. My head seems generally okay and the wounds are practically healed. My shoulder is not okay and aches rather steadily. But, what, after all, is an ache when one might meet the enemy in action?

I know that you will do a fine job up there and needless to say, I envy you your good fortune.

R. W. BATES.

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U. S. S. TENNESSEE
U. S. NAVAL DESPATCH **14 APRIL '45**

Precedence

HEADING:

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**MSG COMMANDER A.E. PARKER FORMERLY OF DD739 X LEARNED OF LOSS
YOUR ~~MINNEAPOLIS~~ SHIP WITH INTENSE REGRET X ALTHOUGH HER CAREER
WAS SHORT SHE HAD LIVED A RICH LIFE AND THE NATION IS INDEBTED
TO HER AND HER GALLANT CREW. X AMFULLY GLAD YOU WERE RESCUED AND
EXTREMELY PROUD YOUR COURAGE AND CONDUCT X HAVE BEEN WAITING SEE
YOU FOR LONG TIME SINCE MINNEAPOLIS DAYS X ~~MINN~~ R.B. BATES BT**

Date-Time Group	TOR/TOD	Rdo. or Vis. No.	RELEASE			CWO	Action Off.	
			Orig.	Comm.	Capt.			

FROM:	ACTION:	INFO:
GTF 54	KATRONA (APA 214)	

Capt	Exec	Nav	Gun	First Lt	Eng	Com	CIC	Rdo	Av	Plot	Mar	Sig	ADO	Pers	Med	Sup	Disb	Chap	Sec'y	Duty Com	OOD	TWO	AD WO	CIC WO	Capt Off	Exec Off
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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
Flagship of the Commander in Chief

7 May, 1945

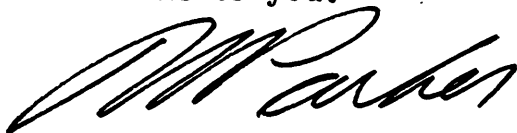
MEMORANDUM

From: Captain R.C.Parker,U.S.N.(Ret)
To: Commodore R.W.Bates,U.S.N.

Dear Rafe:-

Congratulations on BuPers despatch 011710 which at last elevated you to stellar dignity. It sure took 'em a helluva long time to do it. I think myself that your job with the MTBs is a good one. You and Oldendorf put the finishing touches on the chances of real gun-fighting that night in Surigao Strait;and what the boys did for the YAMOTO clinched the matter.From now on,the heavy-gun boys have little to look forward to except bombardment missions,with the constant liklihood of getting a "Kamikaze" in the back of the neck.

Best of luck to you.



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RMB/zn

COMMANDER BATTLESHIP SQUADRON ONE
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

19 May 1945

From: Captain Richard W. BATES, U.S. Navy (9027)
(Formerly Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS - CA 36).
To : Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Awards to U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS Officers and Men.
Enclosure: (A) Suggested citations for officers and men listed in
Paragraph 5 below.

1. About June of last year, I was awarded a Legion of Merit for meritorious service etc., as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS, during the time that Rear Admiral Griffin (now Vice Admiral) was in command of Cruiser Division SIX.

2. Sometime after I had received my award, I wrote a personal note to Rear Admiral J. L. Kauffman, Commander Cruisers, Pacific Fleet, who was head of the Board of Awards, and suggested that although I was detached, I be allowed to recommend certain officers and men of the MINNEAPOLIS for awards. Admiral Kauffman called me into conference and said that it was not policy, but that it might be a good idea to establish a precedent.

3. I wrote to the MINNEAPOLIS and it is only recently that I received a reply concerning the officers and men that I wished to cite.

4. Meanwhile, it appears to have become policy to permit a commanding officer who has received an award to recommend certain of his officers and men for similar recognition.

5. Therefore, I desire to recommend that the following officers and men be awarded decorations and citations, as follows:

BRONZE STAR

1.	Commander James B. ROGUE (Executive Officer)	USN	58528
2.	Commander John M. GRIDER (Navigator)	USN	71360
3.	Commander DeWitt C. McIVER, Jr. (First Lieutenant)	USN	71524
4.	Lieut. Comdr. Benjamin C. FULCHER (Gunnery Officer)	USN	73423
5.	Lieut. Comdr. Kenneth A. HINE, (Communications Officer)	DE-V(G) USNR	73016

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COMMANDER BATTLESHIP SQUADRON ONE
C/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

19 May 1945

Subject: Awards to U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS Officers and Men.

6. Lieutenant Ernest W. DOBIE, Jr., USN 85254
(C.I.C. Officer)
7. Lieutenant Otis C. FERRELL, Jr., D-V(G) USN 95387
(Air Defense Officer)
8. AUSTIN, W.S., CGM(PA) USN 261 95 05
(Leading 5" gunner's mate)
9. BROMAN, R.E., CGM(PA) USN 380 97 99
(Leading automatic weapons
gunner's mate; 40mm director
officer)
10. HEUGER, F.P., CMlc USN 393 26 18
(Turret Captain, Turret III)
11. REMKOFF, L.P., CFC(AA) USN 382 07 30
(Leading AA Fire Controlman.
Rangekeeper operator, Sky Pwd)

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12. Gunner Roy H. LARSEN, JR., USN 202489
(Fire Control Gunner)
13. Electrician Arnold K. SINGER USN 204154
(Ship's Electrician)
14. DUKEN, C.H., EMlc USN 382 33 36
(Engineering stability control)
15. JANCA, L.A., FC1c USN 359 97 03
(Leading machinist mate,
after engine room)
16. DEY, R.B., FC1c, USN 393 39 76
(AA Rangefinder Operator)
17. GROESCHL, J.E., Cox USN 624 38 68
(AA Director Pointer)

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COMMANDER BATTLESHIP SQUADRON ONE
C/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

19 May 1945

Subject: Awards to U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS Officers and Men.

18.	HANSEN, R.C., (Main Battery Director Pointer)	FC1c	USN	368 41 73
19.	KELLEY, J.P., (AA Rangefinder Operator)	FC2c	USN	368 64 88
20.	TILLMAN, R.B., (Main Battery Director Trainer)	FC3c	USN	265 79 30
21.	YORRY, H.L., (AA Director Trainer)	HM2c	USN	372 15 71
22.	ZAMADZKI, T.P., (SK Radar Operator)	PdM3c	USN	725 66 26

R. W. BATES.

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SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

Commander James B. MOOLE, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Executive Officer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his competence, initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty, he materially assisted in the success of the above operations. He exhibited high courage under fire. His conduct at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

BROCKEN STAR

Commander John E. CRIBER, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Navigator of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, in the GI BERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his competence, initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty, he materially assisted in the success of the above operations. He exhibited high courage under fire. His conduct at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

Commander DeWitt C. McIVER, Jr., UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his competence, initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty, he materially assisted in the success of the above operations. He exhibited high courage under fire. His conduct at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

Lieutenant Commander Benjamin C. FULCHER, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Gunnery Officer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his competence, initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty, he materially assisted in the success of the above operations. He exhibited high courage under fire. His conduct at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

Lieutenant Commander Kenneth W. HINES, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Communication Officer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his competence, initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty, he materially assisted in the success of the above operations. He exhibited high courage under fire. His conduct at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

Lieutenant Ernest W. DOBIE, Jr., UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Officer-in-Charge of Combat Information Center of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his competence, initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty, he materially assisted in the success of the above operations. He exhibited high courage under fire. His conduct at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

Bronze Star

Lieutenant Otis C. FERNELL, Jr., UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Air Defense Officer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his competence, initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty, he materially assisted in the success of the above operations. He exhibited high courage under fire. His conduct at all times was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

W.S. AUSTIN, Chief Gunner's Mate, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as leading 5" gunner's mate of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. He maintained his equipment in a constant state of readiness for action, trained his personnel under extremely adverse conditions, and exhibited high courage under enemy fire. His courage, devotion to duty, and outstanding conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

R.E. BROMAN, Chief Gunner's Mate, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as leading automatic weapons gunner's mate, and as 40mm director officer on a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. He maintained his equipment in a constant state of readiness for action, trained his personnel under extremely adverse conditions, and exhibited high courage under enemy fire. His courage, devotion to duty, and outstanding conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

0055

SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

W.P. KRUGER, Gunner's Mate First Class, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Turret Captain on a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. He maintained his equipment in a constant state of readiness for action, trained his personnel under extremely adverse conditions, and exhibited high courage under enemy fire. His courage, devotion to duty, and outstanding conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

0056

SUGGESTED CITATION

BRONZE STAR

L.P. BERKOFF, Chief Fire Controlman, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as leading anti-aircraft battery fire controlman, and as rangekeeper operator of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. He maintained his equipment in a constant state of readiness for action, trained his personnel under extremely adverse conditions, and exhibited high courage under enemy fire. His courage, devotion to duty, and outstanding conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Gunner Roy H. WARREN, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as Fire Control Gunner of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in performance of his duties, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

0058

SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Electrician Arnold N. SINGER, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as Ship's Electrician of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in the performance of his duties, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

C.H. DUKEN, Machinist Mate First Class, UNITED STATES NAVY,

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession on a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in performance of his duties, engineering stability control, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

0060

SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMENDATION

L.A. JANCA, Machinist Mate First Class, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as leading machinist mate, after engineer, of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in performance of his duties, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

R.B. DEY, Fire Controlman First Class, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as AA Rangefinder Operator of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy of ranging, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

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SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

J.E. GROESCHEL, Coxswain, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as AA Director Pointer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in performance of his duties, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

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SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

R.C. HANSEN, Fire Controlman First Class, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as Main Battery Director Pointer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in performance of his duties, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMENDATION

J.P. KELLEY, Fire Controlman Second Class, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as AA Rangefinder Operator of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy of ranging, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

0065

SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

R.B. THILMAN, Fire Controlman Third Class, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as Main Battery Director Trainer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in performance of his duties, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

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SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMENDATION

H.L. YORRY, Boatswain's Mate Second Class, UNITED STATES NAVY,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as AA Director Trainer of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in performance of his duties, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

SUGGESTED CITATION

LETTER OF COMENDATION

T.P. ZAHADZKI, Radarman Third Class, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For excellent service in the line of his profession as SK Radar Operator of a Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this time, during operations against the enemy in the GILBERT ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, and MARIANAS ISLANDS, he performed his essential duties with outstanding skill. By his ability, devotion to duty, courageous conduct under fire, and accuracy in performance of his duties, he contributed materially to the success of the above operations. His conduct give evidence of his great value to the Naval Service."

ENCLOSURE (A)

ADVANCED
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL
353 West 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

24 May 1945

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN,
Commander, Motor Torpedo Boats,
Pacific Fleet,
Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Commodore:

I have just heard of your promotion and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and to wish you continued success in the very excellent work in which you have done. We here at the school have always had a very personal interest in you feeling that the attention which you gave to us as an embryonic organization made a considerable contribution toward producing such a successful activity.

We have had a number of our officers report to MTB squadrons as Intelligence Officers. In fact, I think there are few squadrons that do not have our representatives with them. The reports I have received on the work of these officers have indicated that they have done a valuable job. This is gratifying to us to know that we have contributed in some small way to this part of naval warfare. As a matter of fact, we have several former PT officers helping as instructors here at the school.

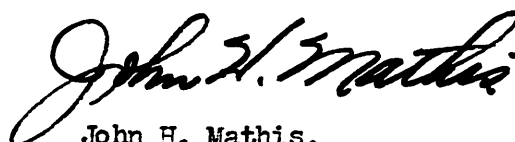
I know you are extremely busy but if the opportunity presents itself, we would appreciate receiving a letter from you with any ideas or suggestions you would care to pass on to us in connection with the training for this type of intelligence duty.

Captain Bowdey was down from the War College last weekend and I understand that a new Sound Military Decision is in the process of production.

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All the officers here at the school, together with
Lt. Comdr. Chuck Lea, join me in sending kindest regards and
good wishes to you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John H. Mathis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John H. Mathis,
Lt. Commander, USNR.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
Headquarters of the Commander in Chief

27 May 1945.

Dear Bates,

I am writing to invite your attention to a problem of urgent importance. It is evident that in order to man the greatly expanded postwar Fleet and shore establishment, large numbers of Reserve officers will be needed. The Bureau of Naval Personnel is now at work on plans which will provide a basis for effecting the transfer of the best qualified Reservists to the Regular Navy.

The objective of these plans is to assure officers who elect to transfer equal opportunity with each other and with prewar and wartime officers of the Regular Navy for assignment to duty, for promotion, and in all other respects.

In my opinion it is too soon to undertake a blanket approach to all Reservists, because few of them will have a basis for decision until they are informed of the nature of the opportunity open to them.

It is not too soon, however, for officers of the Regular Navy to devote thought to this problem, and to begin the process of discussing with the most promising young officers the opportunities for a career in the Navy. They should know that such opportunities will exist, and that plans are underway to place all officers of equivalent training and education on an equal footing. It will be helpful to discuss with them the advantages and disadvantages of a naval career, and to start them thinking about the satisfactions to be derived from an interesting and useful profession, from prestige, security, varied experience and travel, and pride in serving the nation.

Any interest in this direction which you can generate among the outstanding younger officers under your command will be a service to the Navy and the nation.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. NIMITZ,
Fleet Admiral, U.S. Navy.

Commodore R. W. BATES,
Commander Motor Torpedo Boat
Squadrons, Pacific Fleet.

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MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS PACIFIC FLEET
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER

File No.

Serial

C O N F I D E N T I A L

19 July 1945.

Memorandum to Commodore R. W. BATES, U.S.N.

1. The following information, covering items on your memorandum left with me upon your departure, is submitted herewith.
2. The message requesting an additional evaporator for the ACONTIUS went out this afternoon. Cognizant officers were contacted about the possibility of establishing a C.I.C. I was left with the very definite impression, that the C.I.C. for this type of ship is not warranted. In place of a C.I.C. however, I have agreement that an air plot board will be procured for us from this area. Steps are being taken immediately to obtain this board.
3. Loran can be installed, and as a matter of fact as a result of my visit to the BASILAN, we are actually obtaining the equipment this afternoon. A discussion was held with Lt. Comdr. Hazeltine concerning radio installation which will adequately cover all possible situations. This officer seemed to know nothing whatsoever of any further electronic installations for the flagship, although the Communications Officer of the ACONTIUS declared that he is quite positive that he noticed certain changes regarding radio installation on the plans received from Pearl. We are endeavoring to run down these plans now and will follow through on this very important item.
4. The necessary ventilation and heating for the new officers' quarters will be taken care of in the new rearrangement. As for you own personal quarters, I have arranged with Captain Simms, who has directed Lt. Cdr. Hazeltine to make sure that adequate heating facilities are provided.
5. I have discussed the entrance passageway to the staff headquarters with Commander La Buisse who assures me that this particular item will be adequately taken care of. I have further meetings scheduled for Wednesday with Commander La Buisse and Lt. Cdr. Hazeltine to follow up other items contained in your memorandum.


D. J. WALSH.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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**COMMANDER
MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS
SEVENTH FLEET**

C./ FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

27 July 1945.

Secret
MEMORANDUM FOR COMMODORE BATES:

1. In reply to your memo of 19 June, the following information is furnished:

(1)(a) Squadron Commanders. See list showing names, dates of reporting, etc.

Lieut. W. C. GODFREY. - Has shown initiative and energy in developing his area and willingness to attack whenever possible. Acting as Area Commander.

Lieut. R. M. MONAHAN. - New to ^{me in} area, but impression made to date is very good. Has good reputation as combat skipper and engineer from previous duty, *in early days SWPA.*

Lieut. F. H. MC ADOO. - Young, willing, but needs experience and guidance in controlling and handling his squadron.

Lieut. W. E. CARROLL. - Conscientious, knows boats and operations well. Runs a taut squadron and is considered a very good officer. Has a tendency to be hypercritical, however, and although he has many good suggestions at times, his comments on other people and organizations must be carefully weighed.

Lieut. J. J. MC GLYNN. - Has acted as Area Commander at Ormoc recently. Capable and reliable. Excellent officer and squadron commander.

Lt.Cdr. A. W. FARGO. - Area Commander at Brunei. Considered mature, capable and reliable. Excellent officer.

Lieut. R. H. HALLONELL. - Fine combat officer. Capable and reliable. Well above average, all respects.

Lieut. R. R. HARRISON. - Being relieved.

Lieut. J. H. MINSON. - New to area. Has excellent reputation.

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**COMMANDER
MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRONS
SEVENTH FLEET**

C/. FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Secret
MEMORANDUM FOR COMMODORE BATES (Continued):

Lieut. R. C. MORSE. - New in area. Appears capable and reliable.

Lieut. W. W. STEWART. - Just relieved Lieut. R. C. HARRIS as squadron commander. Outstanding reputation on previous cruise here with Ron 7.

Lieut. E. W. ROBERTS. - Did well at Subic under Taylor. Excellent reputation previous cruise New Guinea as squadron commander. Has done good job here cleaning up and overhauling his squadron. Capable, reliable, considered excellent.

Lieut. W. E. STEDMAN. - Excellent combat boat captain and Patrol OTC on previous cruise out here. Believe he will be excellent squadron commander. Recently arrived.

Lieut. E. D. HOGLAND. - Outstanding all respects.

Lt.Cdr. T. R. STANSBURY. - Oldest of squadron commanders. Has developed tough hard hitting squadron. Now area commander Morotai. Previously at Ormoc. Has handled both well.

Lieut. H. S. TAYLOR. - Experienced, capable, reliable. Was Area Commander at Subic. Will be Area Commander soon at Balikpapan when TAPPAAN leaves. Considered excellent officer.

Lieut. D. M. CRAIG. - Now Area Commander at Lingayen. Recently arrived. Made good impression when reported. Doing good job at Lingayen. Previous experience in Mediterranean.

Lieut. E. A. DUBOSE. - Area Commander at Ilo Ilo at present. Area has been inactive during his command but I believe from what I have seen on him that DUBOSE is very capable and will be outstanding if given the opportunity. Extensive experience in Mediterranean.

Lieut. R. O. ALSDEN. - Do not know him.

Lieut. J. W. MORRISON. - Excellent squadron commander. Being relieved soon by ALSDEN.

Lieut. C. A. MILLS. - Just arrived with squadron. Now at Base 17. Appears to be capable and reliable. Previous experience in Aleutians. Knows boats thoroughly.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
CRUISERS

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31 JUL 1945

Serial: 0712

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UNCLASSIFIED

THIRD ENDORSEMENT to
Capt. R.F. BATES ltr.
RNB/mn of 19 May 1945.

From: Commander Cruisers, Pacific Fleet.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Awards to U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS Officers and Men.

1. Returned.
2. The Type Commander has awarded a Bronze Star Medal to Commander James B. HOGLE, U.S. Navy, and Type Commander's Letters of Commendation to those officers and men recommended in the basic correspondence for Letters of Commendation.
3. It is recommended that Letters of Commendation with authority to wear the Commendation Ribbon be awarded to those officers and men, less Commander HOGLE, who were recommended for award of the Bronze Star Medal.

W. H. P. BLANDY

Copy to:
ComBatRon 1
Capt. R. W. BATES, USN

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
CRUISERS

F15

31 JUL 1945

Serial: 0738
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UNCLASSIFIED

From: Commander Cruisers, Pacific Fleet.
To : The Chief of Naval Personnel.

Subject: Award - Forwarding of.

Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Letter 25L-45 (Revised through
Change #6).
(b) Capt. R.W. BATES Ltr. RAB/nn dated 19 May
1945.

Enclosure: (A) Temporary Citation for Bronze Star Medal Awarded
Commander James B. HOGLE, U.S. Navy, File No.
58528.

1. In accordance with authority contained in reference
(a), the Commander Cruisers, Pacific Fleet, has awarded a Bronze
Star Medal to Commander James B. HOGLE, U.S. Navy, for services set
out in reference (b). The temporary citation is forwarded as encl-
sure (A) for presentation with appropriate ceremony and with the
congratulations of Commander Cruisers, Pacific Fleet.

2. It is understood that Commander HOGLE is on duty at
the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

W. H. P. BLANDY

Copy to:
CinCPac (Complete)
Capt. R.W. BATES
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CG, USS MINNEAPOLIS

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
CRUISERS

In the name of the President of the United States,
the Commander Cruisers, United States Pacific Fleet, takes
pleasure in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

COMMANDER JAMES BERNHARDT HOGLE

UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy as Executive Officer of a United States Heavy Cruiser from October 1943 to August 1944. During this period his ship participated in important operations against the enemy in the Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Caroline Islands, and Marianas Islands. By his exemplary leadership, unusual initiative and professional skill, he was responsible to a great extent in keeping his ship at a high peak of fighting efficiency when its services were urgently required for these important missions. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

W. H. P. BLANDY
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

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ADVANCED
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL
353 West 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

8 August 1945

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN,
Commander Motor Torpedo Boats,
Pacific Fleet,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Commodore Bates:

We were delighted to get your very good letter of 14 July 1945 together with your comments on the work of intelligence officers. We appreciated your views about intelligence and were glad to get them, because we here at the school have felt that from both a staff and a combat viewpoint you can speak with authority.

It was most thoughtful of you to speak so well of the work of the graduates of the school and I hope that in some small way we have made a contribution in helping them to do a better job. The adaptability of our officers to staff work in the field is a credit to our senior instructor and Executive Officer, Lt. Comdr. Charles A. Lea. You will recall him as one of your proteges in the preparatory staff class at the War College. The training he received at Newport plus his personal enthusiasm have contributed immeasurably to our training program. The Estimate of the Situation and Naval Staff Procedure are the mediums by which all instruction at this activity is coordinated in a term problem under his supervision. Many, including Admiral Pye and Commodore Bowdey, have commented favorably on the results obtained by his problems.

When Mr. Lea learned of your new command and the staff complement, he made known his desire to be included and upon learning that a very capable officer had already been assigned for Intelligence he made inquiries relative to the Operations billet which had been filled. I do not know that you have or have not completed your staff, however Lea's keen desire to serve with you has not subsided. For your information his Naval experience includes 16 months in War Plans (DNI), War College, 18 months as instructor at this activity during which time he served as Staff Intelligence Officer with Commander Surface Escort Group and Task Force Commander (USS CINCINNATI). His present rank dates back to March 1944

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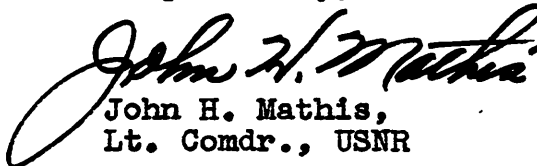
and my opinion that he is imminently qualified to assume the responsibilities of a three-striper is shared by those who know him as we do.

I am personally quite reluctant in writing you this information about him because he carries a big responsibility at the school and we would hate to lose him. On the other hand, I do feel that he is admirably qualified and most eager for more active duty.

I am well acquainted with the officer who is to report to you for intelligence duties. He is Lieutenant John H. Sembower. After finishing one of the earlier sessions of the school (at which he heard your lectures) he went to the MTBRons 7th Fleet, and was on the staff of Task Group 70.1. Later he had a tour of duty with Group 5, the 3rd Amphibious Forces. He returned to the States this past Spring. He is extremely capable, well qualified, and I feel that you are fortunate in getting someone with his ability.

Commodore Bowdey and Captain Anderson are lecturing at the school. I cannot help but recall the enjoyable visits we had with you during your many trips to New York. I shall look forward to hearing from you again and until then kindest personal regards.

Respectfully,


John H. Mathis,
Lt. Comdr., USNR